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In Bengal during the week ended August 27, 1904, there were 427 cases and 350 deaths from plague.

In India during the week ended August 20, 1904, there were 8,714 cases and 6,398 deaths from plague.

*Weather conditions and prospect of famine—Extract from press reports.*

It is impossible to escape the conclusion that, unless there is a material change in the weather conditions of western and northern India within the next week or two, the country will be called upon to face a prospect more serious than any since the last great famine year. The Arabian Sea monsoon current has failed, and the latest official reports show that the effects of the failure are already alarmingly apparent. In other large tracts of the Bombay Presidency and in Baroda the water supply is inadequate, and the prices of food stuffs show an upward tendency. The same is true, in a lesser degree, in parts of Madras. In the Punjab the outlook is still more serious. The lack of rain is injuring crops almost everywhere, and in several districts the unirrigated lands have not even been sown. A similar story, varying in gravity, is told in the reports from the northwest frontier province, from central provinces and Berar, and from central India. There is still time for the agricultural prospect to undergo a change for the better, but now that the end of the rainy season is in sight the signs will necessarily be watched with the keenest anxiety during the next few days.

MEXICO.

*Report from Monterey—Mortality—Increase in malarial diseases.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Goldberger reports, October 4, as follows:

During the week ended October 1, 1904, there were recorded in this city 47 deaths. During the month of September there were recorded in all 212 deaths, this being 11 less than in August.

The frequent rains and somewhat cooler temperature during the month just ended appear to have been responsible for an increase in pulmonary affections and malaria, mostly of an intermittent type. The general health conditions, however, appear to be, on the whole, fairly good.

NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Reilley reports as follows: Week ended September 24, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 2 deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 18	S. s. Condor .....	16	0	0	0
22	S. s. Alabama .....	20	14	0	0

Number of aliens sailing from this port, 4.